



Southminster Tuesday Minders Week of December 4 - 9

Tuesday:		Hand bell Practice (Sanctuary)
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Children's Chapel (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Building & Grounds (Library)
	6:15 pm	Finance/Admin (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Saturday:		No Men's Breakfast
	10:00 am	EMPC (basement classroom)
Sunday:	9:45 am	Forum Discussion Class Advent Study (Library)
	11:00 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 pm	Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 pm	EMPC- (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Telos at Southminster (Fellowship Hall)

Daily Readings for Tuesday Dec. 4, 2018

- **Morning** [Psalms 33: 146](#)
- **First Reading** [Isaiah 1:21-31](#)
- **Second Reading** [1 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#)
- **Gospel Reading** [Luke 20:9-18](#)



John the Peaceful?

The focus of the second week in Advent is on John the Baptist. It is also the week when we light the candle of peace. John seems an unlikely character to promote peace. John lived in the wilderness, ate locust and honey, and challenged the hierarchical thinking of his day. Much like Isaiah, John was a prophet for his time. How do you envision the preparation for which John calls? Is it peaceful (...the rough ways made smooth)? Or is it contentious (...every mountain and hill shall be made low)? Do you see John as peaceful or as one who stirs the pot? How is his message and demeanor the same or different as that of Jesus?

As always, I value your thoughts. See you Sunday! Evelyn

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

Make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

And every mountain and hill shall be made low,

And the crooked shall be made straight,

And the rough ways made smooth;

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:1-6)



GNO Supporting Safe Haven

Anita Kimbrough's
5344 Skip Jack Dr.
Antioch, TN 37013

Monday, December 10th at 6:30 pm

It's a Potluck so bring snacks to share!

Ladies click on the Safe Haven link below and bring your in kind donation to our Christmas gathering.

<http://safehaven.org/give/in-kind-donations/>

Please RSVP to:

Pam Trolinger or Anita Kimbrough

Carpooling is available at the church 6pm (in the parking lot.)



Sunday, December 16th

(Immediately following 11 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall)

The Christmas Luncheon will be a Potluck with the church providing turkey, ham, and drinks.

Please bring your favorite dish to share.



Requests from Dec 2:

Bethany Reynolds asked for prayers for her godfather whose 104 year old mother Martha Steward died this past week.

Pastor Beth reported that she and Mark had a very good trip to Austin to meet with others who are doing ministries similar to our TELOS ministry. It was determined that she and Mark "ARE A FIT"! Continued prayer for TELOS.

Continue to remember the people of Anchorage, Alaska as they clean up after a magnitude 7 earthquake.

Continued prayers for JoAnn Hansel's recovery. She enjoys visits and cards. Today her building was under lockdown. She is hoping to be moved to rehab at Southern Hills soon. "Her trach has been removed. The feeding tube will be coming out soon. Then she will be looking forward to going to Rehab."

The Trolingers' young neighbor Laura is beginning to experience pain. She has been in remission from Leukemia. She has a very rare gene that makes her susceptible to any/all cancers.

Steve Chambers' cataract surgery was successful and he is anticipating having the other eye done soon.

John Roberts' Uncle Burt died this past week. John and Nancy have traveled to the funeral.

Polly Minyard's granddaughter lost her fiancée, Cody, in a motorcycle accident this past Friday.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

"Presbyterian Disaster Assistance" for Alternative Christmas giving.

There have been several natural disasters in the past few months, leaving families and communities devastated and homeless. This year during the Advent and Christmas season, Southminster will take donations for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA is not a first responder program. Once specific needs have been identified, PDA works with presbyteries in the affected area to send volunteers to help clean up and rebuild. These volunteers are housed and fed by local churches in the presbyteries.

You may make a donation by using the form below and send it to the church or put it in the collection plate on Sunday. Write a check and in the FOR line you can designate your donation with the code for the following or leave it blank for the general fund:

California Fires DR000165-Calif Fires

PDA is working with Santa Barbara Presbytery, Sacramento Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Pacific to respond to the recent wildfires in California. PDA has deployed National Response Team members to the Presbytery of the Pacific to be embedded into the American Red Cross shelters in Pacific Palisades and San Fernando Valley, at the ARC's request, as Disaster Spiritual Care Providers. Grants are being disbursed and more deployments are forthcoming.

Hurricane Michael DR000194-Michael

PDA is responding to Hurricane Michael in Lynn Haven, FL. Before the devastating Category 4 Hurricane made landfall, PDA reached out to the presbyteries in the path of the storm to offer resources and prayers. We have deployed National Response Team members for an initial deployment to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership in developing short-term response plans and provide a ministry of presence. Initial grants have been disbursed to each of the affected presbyteries and church damage grants, which are used for continuing mission, are being disbursed as we receive the requests.

Indonesia Tsunami DR0000146-Tsunami

On September 28, 2018 Central Sulawesi in Indonesia was hit by a 7.4 magnitude earthquake, which resulted in a tsunami and later a volcanic eruption. The death toll is more than 1,700 and as many as 62,600 persons are displaced. The dire situation is further compounded with the rainy season approaching with the anticipation of diseases, which are easily spread in shelters.

PDA is working through our partners in ACT Alliance to provide emergency assistance. Priorities are minimizing loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

If you wish, you can make a donation as a gift in memory or in honor of someone else. Cards will be available for notifying people of this gift.

----- ***Donation Form*** -----



**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
(Alternative Christmas Giving)**

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(If no code is entered- the donation will go into the general PDA fund which currently supports volunteer teams in 23 states.)

Enter Code(s) _____

\$ Amount _____

(Make check to SPC)

In Honor/Memory of:

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From the
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Secretary



Thank you for Nancy Robert and Jannette Chambers for volunteering to help with the Sunday bulletins for Dec. 16, 23.

I'm still looking for someone to help work with Pastor Beth on the Christmas Eve bulletin, while I am away on vacation. Can you help?

Thank you Pat McDonald for volunteering to come into the office on Dec. 17th to work on the Tuesday Minders for Dec. 18th.

If you can help, please let me know and I will show you what needs to be done.

Thank you so very much for the help, Debi Goddard

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